

B & L Woodwaste Public Participation Plan

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Overview

B & L Woodwaste (B & L) is located near Milton, Washington, southeast of Interstate 5 between Fife Way and the Puget Power Access Road, in a mixed residential/agricultural and wetland area. The potentially liable persons include Asarco, Inc., Murray Pacific Corporation and Executive Bark. For more information about the site's history and contamination, please refer to the Fact Sheet (Ecology publication #05-09-36), Amended Enforcement Order (dated February 14), and draft Contingency Action Plan.

What is a Public Participation Plan?

Public participation plans are an important component of Washington's Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA, RCW 70.15D). Public participation plans summarize activities designed to give the public meaningful opportunities to learn about and provide input on cleanup decisions. Plans may be simple or complex depending on the human health and environmental risks posed by the site and other factors.

Ecology welcomes public comment on this plan. This plan may be updated once as the project progresses or more is known about contamination at the site.

Public Participation Grants Available

Grants from Ecology's Solid Waste and Financial Assistance Program may be available to groups of residents, neighborhood committees, etc. living near the B&L Woodwaste site. These funds may be used to provide additional public involvement, to receive technical assistance, and/or enhance the public's understanding of the cleanup. For more information, contact Kathy Seel at (360) 407-6061 or ksee461@ecy.wa.gov or go to Ecology's website at <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/swfa/grants.html>.

Public Participation Tools to Be Used

Ecology will use a variety of tools to involve the public in the cleanup of the B & L Woodwaste site. The tools to be used are described below. This list of tools is subject to modification as more is learned about the site.

Formal Public Comment Period: Written public comment will be the primary tool used to get public input on key decisions and actions related to the B & L Woodwaste site. The public will be invited to comment at specific points during the process and will have at least 30 days to provide comment. Each comment period will be extended to accommodate state or federal holidays.

Responsiveness Summary: After every public comment period, Ecology will review any and all comments received and may respond to comments in a written responsiveness summary. The summary would then be made available to the public at the information repositories listed below.

Information Repositories: Documents and other printed materials will be made available to the public at convenient locations near the B & L Woodwaste site. Printed materials will be placed at the repositories listed below during comment periods and will remain there for the duration of the cleanup process. Ecology also can make copies of documents upon request for a small fee.

- Pierce County Library, 1000 Laurel Street, Milton (253) 922-2870
- Tacoma Main Library, 1102 Tacoma Ave. S, Tacoma (253) 591-5666
- Citizens for a Healthy Bay, 917 Pacific Avenue, Suite 100, Tacoma (253) 383-2429
- Washington State Department of Ecology, SW Regional Office, Toxics Cleanup Program
300 Desmond Drive, Olympia (360) 407-6365

Site Register and Public Events Calendar: Ecology will use its bimonthly *Site Register* and web-based *Public Events Calendar* to announce all public meetings and comment periods.

To receive a copy of the *Site Register*, please contact Linda Thompson at (360) 407-6069 or ltho461@ecy.wa.gov. Copies also are available on the Ecology website at: www.ecy.wa.gov/biblio/site_reg.html. Ecology's *Public Events Calendar* may be found at: www.ecy.gov.

Mailing List: Ecology Southwest Regional Office has created a mailing list specific to the B & L Woodwaste site and will update the list as needed. Please contact Cedar Bouta at (360) 407-6245 or cebo461@ecy.wa.gov to be added to or removed from the list.

Fact Sheets: Fact sheets for the B & L Woodwaste site will be used to inform the public of meetings, comment opportunities on key decisions and actions, and other important activities. Fact sheets will be:

- directly mailed to key stakeholders, including property owners and residents within one-half mile of the site;
- made available at the repositories listed above; and
- posted on Ecology's website at:
www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/sites/B_L_Woodwaste/B_L_woodwaste_hp.htm.

Legal Notices: Legal notices announcing each public comment period or meeting will be placed in *The Tacoma News Tribune*. Each notice will run for three days before the comment period begins or the meeting is held.

Contacts

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